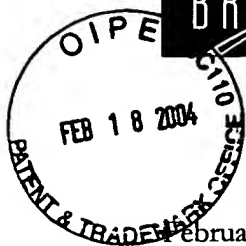


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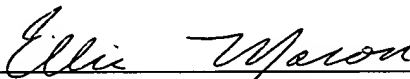
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REQUEST FOR RETRANSMITTAL OF OFFICE ACTION

Applicant respectfully requests a retransmittal of the pending Office Action issued on or about January 31, 2004. Applicant's counsel became aware of the issuance of the pending Office Actions in the course of telephone conversations with Examiner Lien M. Ngo, but Applicant's counsel has not received a copy of the Office Action. The Examiner has verified the correct mailing address for the Office Action, but despite a diligent search at applicant's counsel's offices, there is no indication that the Office Action has ever been received. Accordingly, Applicant requests retransmittal of the pending Office Action. concerning a Notice of Abandonment which had erroneously been issued previously in this case.

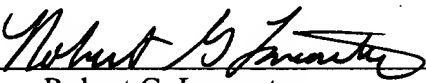
Applicant's counsel has been monitoring the status of the issuance of the pending Office Action following receipt of a Notice of Abandonment which was mailed on November 4, 2003, shortly after Applicant filed a response to the April 17, 2003 Office Action in the above-captioned patent application. The response was timely filed, with a three-month extension request and fee, on October 17, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment incorrectly stated that no response to the Office Action had been received.

On November 13, 2003, when Applicant's counsel, Robert G. Lancaster, received the notice of abandonment, he promptly telephoned Examiner Lien M. Ngo. Examiner Ngo acknowledged that Applicant's October 17, 2003 response to the Office Action had been timely received and that the Notice of Abandonment had erroneously been issued. At this time Examiner Ngo also agreed to withdraw the abandonment when she received the case for the next action.

Applicant's counsel again telephoned Examiner Lien M. Ngo on January 28, 2004 to inquire on the status of the withdrawal of abandonment. Examiner Ngo stated that she had just sent a new Office Action confirming the withdrawal of abandonment to the Docket Clerk and the it should be received by Applicant's counsel shortly.

On February 18, 2004, not having received any communication on this case, Applicant's counsel again telephoned Examiner Ngo to inquire on the status of the new Office Action confirming the withdrawal of abandonment. Examiner Ngo stated that her Office Action confirming the withdrawal of abandonment had been mailed to Applicant's counsel on January 30, 2004. Examiner Ngo also directed applicant's counsel to submit this request in order that a retransmittal of the pending Office Action may be issued.

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